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No illegality in my tenure: MUDA Chairman

Mysuru, June 17 (RK&BCT)- Responding to the allegation made by former Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri that irregularity has been committed in Kergalli Survey Number 115 to create fake records for land ownership to claim compensation from Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev has clarified that an investigation will be ordered in the very next MUDA meeting.

Addressing a press conference at his office this morning, Rajeev said that the land acquisition by MUDA at Kergalli for R.T. Nagar Layout was not done after he took over as MUDA Chairman. "There are discrepancies in land records and our investigation has proved that compensation has been paid to non-existent land. We will investigate and take action," he said.

The notification of land acquisition was done in 2001 and 2003 for 185.25 acres and the land was acquired in 2005. R.T. Nagar Layout was formed in 2009 and 2010 for 44.20 acres.

(See ILLEGALITY on page 12)

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev addressing a press conference at his office this morning as MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh looks on.

Kurubarahalli issue: MUDA has paid Rs. 24 lakh to advocates

On the Kurubarahalli Survey Number 4 issue where certain areas have been declared as private property by the Karnataka High Court, MUDA Chairman Rajeev said that MUDA has paid Rs. 24 lakh to advocates to fight in favour of the Government in the Supreme Court.

"Yes, based on the direction from the Deputy Commissioner, MUDA has paid Rs. 20 lakh to noted Supreme Court advocate Harish Salve and Rs. 4 lakh to another advocate. MUDA has a stake in this and we have created K.C. Layout and Siddarthanagar," Rajeev said.

Heavy vehicle ban in Kodagu from June 23 to Aug. 16

Kodagu DC Charulata Somal and SP Kshama Mishra visiting Second Monnangeri, a landslide-prone area, yesterday.

Madikeri, June 17 (UNI)- Ahead of monsoon season which has already begun in full force in Kodagu district, the District Administration has banned the movement of heavy vehicles from June 23 to Aug. 16.

In an official statement issued here, Deputy Commissioner Charulata Somal has said that as the flow of water in rivers will increase, there is a risk to property due to unrestricted movement of heavy vehicles. The order was issued as a precaution based on the condition of roads and in the interest of safety of people.

The possibilities of regular movement of trucks with heavy loads causing damage to roads and resulting in landslips are high due to wet conditions. Roads in Kodagu are narrow and lack strength to sustain the traffic load due to rains.

The ban will apply to trucks carrying timber and sand, goods carriers and trucks with a gross vehicle weight of 16,200 kg and above, shipping cargo containers and multi-axle vehicles. However, the curb does not apply to containers carrying LPG and milk, vehicles on Government work, school and college vehicles and public transport vehicles, including multi-axle vehicles.

"The district witnessed serious landslides during the last three successive years and the road conditions get worse during the monsoon season. Similarly, heavy vehicles carrying heavy loads on a regular basis can cause landslides on the sides of the road, causing serious road accidents. In addition, the State Meteorological Department has been issuing frequent reports of heavy rains next few days putting at risk the property and the safety of passengers," the order stated.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Kshama Mishra has been told to put up signboards wherever necessary about the restrictions. The Police have also been told to keep a watch on goods carrier vehicles passing through Kodagu's Kushalnagar and Sampaje on National Highway 275 by setting up check-posts. The District Administration has asked for the deployment of mobile patrol personnel for the enforcement of the ban.

Monsoon active in many parts

Meanwhile, monsoon has become active in Kodagu with rains lashing across the district.

Moderate to heavy rains accompanied by gusty winds were reported in some areas and the administration was geared up to tackle emergencies.

In Virajpet, there was a mudslide on the road leading to Police quarters near private bus stand. A house belonging to Vijayalakshmi in Kodlipet Hobli has been damaged after a tree fall. Electricity supply has been disrupted in various regions owing to uprooting of electric poles and the falling of tree branches on power cables.

Acting on a report from the Geological Survey of India, 85 places in the district have been declared vulnerable and prone to floods and landslides. Steps have been taken to shift the families living in such areas to safer places until the monsoon gets over. The administration has taken steps to establish relief and rescue centres.

CBSE Class 12 results to be declared by July 31

Assessment system submitted before SC

New Delhi, June 17 (UNI& Agencies)- The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE) this morning submitted the assessment system for Class 12 students in the Supreme Court and said the results will be declared by July 31.

Attorney General (AG) K.K. Venugopal placed the scheme for CBSE which said performance of students in Class 10, 11 and 12 exams will be considered.

The result criterion for CISCE will also be finalised in the hearing today. Attorney General on behalf of CBSE proposed that students should be given marks based on the average of Class 12 pre-board score, Class 10 and 11 final marks. This will be for the theory section and for practical the marks will be submitted by schools.

Attorney General said, for Class 10 and 11 the marks in best of three from five papers in term exams will be considered. For Class 12 the marks obtained in unit, term and practical will be taken into account, he told the SC. The Result Committee will be there for each of the schools to rule out advantages to students in some schools, which traditionally give high marks.

For evaluating a student, marks in best of three papers for Class 10 would be given 30 percent weightage, for Class 11 weightage of 30 percent and for Class 12 the weightage is 40 percent. For Class 10 and 11 the marks in best of three from five papers in term exams will be considered. For Class 12 the mark obtained in unit, term and practical will be taken.

The CISCE will also announce results on criterion similar to that of CBSE. However, the Council will take into consideration the past six years' performance instead of three. CISCE result will be declared by July 20 and students unhappy with the result can appear for written exams.

The CBSE, however, also proposed a second option of holding Class 12 board exams in a "controlled environment."

To this, the Supreme Court had said that there is "no rolling back" of the decision to cancel the exams. The final decision on this can be expected in the next hearing.

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Mysuru, Thursday 17th June 2021

International Online Music Competition: Entries invited

Mysuru, June 17- Kalapini Sangeet Vidyalaya has arranged an International Music Competition-2021 to promote Hindustani classical music across the world.

The competition will be held in Vocal, Dance and Instrumental Music form in two groups below 18 years and above 19 years students. There are a total of 30 prizes in cash in these two groups. Result will be declared on June 21 on Kalapini Sangeet Vidyalaya's Facebook page.

Interested music students can send five minutes performance video clip on Mob: +917875776067 with full name, address, age and Guru's name.

Avinash and Vikas Patil, who are organising this event, says that till now more than 150 students have sent videos for the competition from all over the world. Music-lovers and music students can participate in this competition.

For details, contact Mob: +918698503701.

Online flute concert tomorrow

Vid. Chandan Kumar

Vid. Keshav Mohan

A. Radhesh

Mysuru, June 17- Ganabharathi has organised Sugunamma Dayalu and G. Mahalaxamma Memorial Online Flute Concert by Vid. Mysore A. Chandan Kumar on June 18 at 6 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. KeshavMohan Kumar on violin and Mysore A. Radhesh on mridanga. The concert will be available on Ganabharathi's Facebook page and YouTube Channel.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The third chapter of the Bhagavad Gita titled "Karma Yoga — The Yoga of Action" speaks about the importance of doing one's duty in life with sincerity and dedication without any ulterior motive to gain any reward out of it. Gita emphasises that work must be done by keeping in mind the interests of society. Individuals make up human society. Man draws from the inputs of others to chart his own success. "Therefore it is his bounden duty to give back to society, in whatever way he can. Such men are indeed noble — 'Satpurushas.' If he does not and enjoys everything by himself, he is selfishness personified, he is partaking of sin," says the Gita.

The words of Saint Purandaradasa harken back: "Whatever you have gained by the grace of the Lord, offer it back to him, for what else can a mere man give to the supreme giver? Pour back into the lake what you have taken from it and be happy and contented." On the subject of man's indebtedness to society, the Gita speaks about the fundamental verity of life. As the revered Swami Chinmayananda interprets it: "Life originates from food. Food comes from rain. Rain comes from Yagna. This Yagna is nothing but work, which is the Creator Brahma's dictate. This Brahma originated from Brahman — the supreme creator, the eternal being. So, understand this, supreme Lord is all-pervasive. He is present in all that you do. This is the eternal law." Indeed, true work is real worship.

— Mirle Karthik in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

The most powerful fire truck ever built

Moscow: A group of engineers inadvertently developed the most powerful fire engine in the world when they were initially designing a way to decontaminate old Cold War tanks. Using an old T-34 tank and two MiG 21 jet engines its fittingly called "the Big Wind" and when you see it in action you can immediately see why.

In February of 1991, near the end of the Gulf War, the retreating Iraqi army set over 700 Kuwaiti oil wells on fire, thus creating the desert into an almost apocalyptic landscape. Up to six million barrels of oil burned every day for 30 weeks, sending flames as high as 300 feet into the air and covering the sky with thick, black smoke.

The Big Wind specializes in putting out oil well fires that would normally be almost impossible, requiring them to just have to "burn out". Using a total of six nozzles the Big Wind is able to churn out 220 gallons of water per second and that's when things get interesting, the two jet engines are then fired up and using a combination of a lot of water and even more wind they simply just blow it out as if it was the biggest candle on the biggest birthday cake in the universe.

Denied free burgers: Cops arrest entire restaurant staff

Lahore: A group of Police officers are facing suspension after allegedly arresting 19 employees of a fast food restaurant in Lahore for refusing to give them free burgers.

According to reports, staff at a Johnny & Jugnu fast food restaurant in Lahore, were rounded up and arrested at around 8 PM on Saturday and held in custody overnight for refusing a group of Policemen free burgers. Employees weren't allowed to close the kitchen, allegedly leaving the fryers running with customers waiting for their orders. In an official statement, Johnny & Jugnu representatives offered details about the incident, explaining that it had been caused by staff's refusal to give Policemen free burgers.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Do you experience unexplained pain in the ankle or foot. It could be due to deep vein thrombosis. It occurs due to blood clots in the veins. Severe pain in the foot, cramping pain in the leg, skin feeling warmer in the affected area, swelling in the foot, reddish skin on the affected area are the few signs to watch out for.

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Human fertility is now declining as our planet becomes choked with chemicals and devitalised food. 1 in 4 couples are now unable to have children because of miscarriage and conception problems. Fertility is a leading indicator of human health.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 15	JUNE 16
Day's Positive Cases	490	841
Total Positive Cases	1,58,956	1,59,797
Day's Discharges	1,438	1,389
Total Discharges	1,46,917	1,48,306
Day's Deaths	26	28
Total Deaths	1,910	1,938
Total Active Cases	10,129	9,553

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Animal adoption at Zoo

Mysuru, June 17- The following individuals and institutions have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying the adoption fee:

Teresian Alumnus, Mysuru - Indian Flapshell Turtle, White Peacock, Love Bird and Grey Jungle Fowl (Rs. 10,000); B. Vinod Kumar Padma, Mysuru - Indian Cobra, Tortoise and Love Bird (Rs. 5,000), M. Sagar, Mysuru - Rhesus Macaque (Rs. 5,000); K.P. Gangaraju, Raja Electricals, Tumakuru - Giraffe (Rs. 1,00,000); Prathap Singh, Mysuru - Cheetah (Rs. 50,000).

REALLY...?

- *Infants are born with approximately 300 bones, but as they grow some of these bones fuse together. By the time they reach adulthood, they only have 206 bones.*
- *More than half of your bones are located in the hands, wrists, feet and ankles.*
- *Every second, your body produces 25 million new cells. That means in 15 seconds, you will have produced more cells than there are people in the United States.*
- *The largest bone in the human body is the femur, also known as the thigh bone. The smallest bone is the stirrup bone, which is located inside your ear drum.*
- *Teeth are considered part of the skeletal system, but are not counted as bones.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

At late night, husband checks his wife's mobile when it beeped, gets angry and wakes her up.
Husband: *Who is this person saying beautiful?*
Wife checks her phone and angrily shouts at him: *Hey, wear your spectacles, it's not beautiful, it is battery ful !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.77
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.26
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.09
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.51

VOICE OF THE READER

Curb land mafia to save Government land: MGP

Sir,

We refer to several news reports published in recent media about the cases of illegal land conversions from agricultural to non-agricultural, illegal land encroachments in Lakes to make them residential sites etc.

Though the serious situation of land Mafia in Mysuru was reported to Government long back, the State Government has failed to act.

We are confident and hopeful that the present Deputy Commissioner will take up the matter in all seriousness as land mafia causes serious blow to the environment. We the members of **Mysore Grahakara Parishath (MGP),** a NGO in Mysuru established 30 years ago, have now taken up the current issue of saving lakes in and around Mysuru. We will protest conversion of lakes as housing sites by the land-grabbers.

We request the DC to take immediate steps to curb such illegal activities in and around Mysuru district.

—President
Mysore Grahakara Parishath
Yadavagiri 14.6.2021

SSLC model Q paper released

Can be downloaded from website *https://sslc.karnataka.gov.in*

Bengaluru, June 17- As the SSLC exam (2020-21), comprising two papers, is scheduled to take place in the third week of July, the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) has released model question paper and OMR sheet for the benefit of the students.

The OMR sheet comprises three pages, with each page having a different colour. The students are required to mark the answers for Maths subject in the first page, Science subject in the second page and Social Science in the third page. The students are also required to put their photo and signature in every page.

According to the model question paper, questions on the three subjects will be printed in a single question paper of about 42 pages. Each question paper will have 40 questions printed in both English and Kannada. The students are required to answer all the 40 questions in the same order as that of OMR sheet where Maths questions come first, followed by Science and Social Science.

The Head Masters of all High Schools are directed to download the model question paper and OMR sheet and help students get prepared for the exam. The model question paper and OMR sheet can be downloaded from the Board's website *https://sslc.karnataka.gov.in.*

RTE seat admissions

Education Dept. issues revised schedule

Bengaluru, June 17- With the start of the new academic year (2021-22) just a couple of weeks away, the Department of Public Instruction has issued a revised schedule for admission of students in private schools under the Right To Education (RTE) Act.

As per the revised schedule, the first round of seat allotment will be announced online on June 22. The parents of students, who find a place in the list, are required to admit their wards between June 25 and July 9 at respective schools.

The second round of seat allotment will be announced online on July 14. The successful students are required to get admitted at their respective schools between July 16 and 26. After the completion of the second round of admission, the schools must upload details of all students admitted under RTE in the Department's portal, according to a press release.

Clean Kapila Campaign

Nanjangud, June 17- In a bid to cleanse Kapila river flowing through the town, the Nanjangud CMC will be taking out 'Nagarasabheya Nadige Kapila Nadi Dandeya Swachhate Kadege' (Walk to Clean Kapila River Bed Campaign), at 9 am tomorrow (June18) at Nanjangud.

The walk will be led by CMC President H.S. Mahadevaswamy. The purpose of the campaign is to clean the bathing ghat at Kapila. All those interested can take part in the campaign, according to a press release.

UoM fake answer script racket

Police look to unearth many ramifications

How did racketeers divert answer scripts from Varsity strong room, probe Police

Mysuru, June 17 (RK&BCT)- The fake answer script racket being run to facilitate certain set of students from University of Mysore (UoM) has deeper layers to it than visible to plain sight. As such the investigating teams have expanded their probe to unearth the influence of certain powerful elements involved in the racket.

The CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan has taken over the investigation and Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy, who has now been suspended and a few staff of Mandi Police Station have been booked for hushing up the entire episode in collusion with other culprits who actually ran the full-fledged racket from a lodge in city.

An FIR has been booked against six persons including two employees of the University of Mysore over fake answer scripts racket at Mandi Police Station. Sources told *Star of Mysore* that though the racketeers were engaged in preparing fake answer scripts of B.Sc Chemistry question paper (2020-21) of Mysore University at a lodge on B.N. Road, the actual perpetrators of the crime are still at large along with prime accused Nissar and Rakesh whose arrest is crucial for the case.

Sources said that certain influential individuals from the Mysore University, Maharani's Science College and META-I firm from Bengaluru, who has got the outsourced contract of conducting the University examinations, are allegedly involved in the racket and are hand-in-glove with the accused and those students — Chandan and Chethan, first year B.Sc — who have been arrested.

Chandan and Chethan were unable to clear their Chemistry papers since two years and as such, they had approached Nissar. Initial investigations have revealed that the outsourced agency and certain individuals in the University and Maharani's Science College had knowledge about the racket.

Usually, after the exams, all the completed answer scripts reach the University strong room along with the empty answer scripts of those students who are absent. But here, instead of reaching the strong room, the answer scripts have reached the racketeers and this would not be possible without the involvement of the Varsity employees though the University Registrar has stated that no University employee is involved in the racket.

Police sources said the racketeers would not have gained access to the strong room without the blessings of the influential and powerful. A parallel investigation is also being conducted by Lakshmipuram Police to unearth the root of the case.

Police are on the hot chase of Nissar who is into hiding in Bengaluru. Meanwhile, an internal committee of UoM headed by Registrar (Evaluation) Prof. Jnanaprakash, has issued notices to all the accused to appear before the Committee for enquiry on June 22.

Mysore Varsity VC calls for appropriate use of technology in higher education

Prof. Hemantha Kumar

Mysuru, June 17 (PM&DM)- University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar has called for appropriate use of advanced technology in higher education, especially at a time when online teaching and learning is becoming the order of the day.

He was speaking after inaugurating a one-day IQAC sponsored webinar on 'Better practices in online teaching' organised at JSS College on Ooty road here yesterday.

Noting that online mode has pervaded into all levels of education, he observed that teachers have a bigger challenge in online education. Pointing out that online coaching is different from teaching at physical classes, he said that online coaching needs special skills. He further said that students on their part, can understand online lessons better if they gain expertise that can be acquired through constant practice.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath said that the current situation is a complex one where everyone has to move forward overcoming challenges that come in the way and the education sector was no exception.

He said that this webinar will help in improvising technology based online teaching methods.

College's Executive Director Prof. B.V. Sambashivaiah too spoke. Principal Dr. H.C. Honnappa and others were present.

Microsoft names Satya Nadella as Company's Chairman

Satya Nadella

Washington, June 17 (UNI)- Microsoft Corp. has named Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Satya Nadella as its new Chairman.

Microsoft on Wednesday announced that the Board's Independent Directors unanimously elected Satya Nadella to the role of Board Chair and unanimously elected John W. Thompson as lead Independent Director, a role he held previously from 2012 to 2014, Microsoft said in a statement.

In this role, Nadella will lead the work to set the agenda for the Board, leveraging his deep understanding of the business to elevate the right strategic opportunities and identify key risks and mitigation approaches for the Board's review. As lead independent Director, Thompson will retain significant authority including providing input on behalf of the Independent Directors on Board agendas, calling meetings of the Independent Directors, setting agendas for executive sessions and leading performance evaluations of the CEO, it added.

India-origin Nadella took over as CEO of Microsoft in 2014

India-origin Nadella took over as the CEO of Microsoft in 2014 from Steve Ballmer.

NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (June 18) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Bank Colony, Railway Layout, Bapuji Layout, Jnanaganga Layout and surrounding areas, according to a press release from Chamudeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Last date extended

Mysuru Taluk Social Welfare Department, which had invited online applications from eligible SC students for availing post-matric student scholarships for 2020-21, has extended the last date for submission of applications to July 1. The annual income of the parents of applicant student must not exceed Rs. 2.5 lakh. Eligible students can apply online through website ***ssp.postmatric.karnataka.gov.in*** and link Aadhaar number with their Bank account. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2520910, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardee

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur, has awarded Ph.D in Civil Engineering to **M.C. Chandan** for his thesis 'Urban land use modelling and developing a framework of spatial decision support system for Indian cities' submitted under the guidance of Prof. Bharath Haridas Aithal.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	84.62 feet
Yesterday	:	83.50 feet
Inflow	:	6,934 cusecs
Outflow	:	365 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,269.09 feet
Inflow	:	13,022 cusecs
Outflow	:	700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,831.57 feet
Inflow	:	1,411 cusecs
Outflow	:	80 cusecs

Educate farmers on availability of agricultural inputs: Minister

Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil *(second from left)* ***holding a review meeting on the district's preparedness for kharif season at ZP Hall in city yesterday. He is flanked by DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham and District Minister S.T. Somashekar. Picture right shows Department officials attending the meeting.***

Mysuru, June 17 (RKB&DM)- With the monsoon having set in, Agriculture Minister B.C. Patil held a review meeting on the district's preparedness for kharif season, at the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) Hall here yesterday.

Soon as the meeting began, the Minister sought inputs on stocks of agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilisers etc., from the Department officials and questioned them on reports that the district was facing shortage of sowing seeds.

After providing statistics on agricultural input stocks in the district to the Minister, Joint Director of Agriculture Dr. M. Mahanteshappa refuted the reports and said that the district has sufficient stocks of all agricultural inputs and the farmers need not worry. He explained the Minister on the steps being taken to block any black marketing of seeds, fertilisers etc.

Dr. Mahanteshappa further said that 566 fertiliser shops in the district were inspected and four of them have been ordered to shut down for illegalities.

Later addressing the meeting, Patil said that the Government was always pro-farmer and there is a need for more publicity among farmers regarding agricultural subsidies and other benefits.

Maintaining that the State Government was giving 100 percent subsidy for DAP fertiliser and Rs. 1,000 subsidy for urea, the Minister warned agricultural dealers against selling any agricultural inputs above MRP. Asking the officials to ensure that there is no artificial shortage of any farm inputs, he cautioned that those found hoarding and profiteering, will be booked under appropriate sections of the law.

Patil also warned the officials against any apathy and laxity in their work, with the district needed to be more alert and active with the advent of monsoon rains.

Speaking to press persons after the meeting, Patil said that Mysuru district recorded deficit rainfall of 16 percent in the one-month period from May 15 to June 15, while there was excess rainfall in most of other parts of the State.

Asserting that Karnataka achieved a record food production of 153.08 lakh tonnes in the current year despite several constraints and the COVID crisis, Patil said that Mysuru district was leading in sowing of seeds by recording 49 percent as compared to 13 percent on an average in other districts. He contended that Mysuru district has 727.5 quintals of seeds stock in Raitha Samparka Kendras.

In respect of fertilisers, the Minister said that Mysuru district has 17,749 MT which is sufficient to meet the current demands.

Patil also maintained that Karnataka was the top State in the country for crop survey through the designated App.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar, MLAs Mahadev, B. Harshavardhan and Anil Chikkamadu, MLC R. Dharmasena, Dy. Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP Chief Executive Officer (CEO) A.M. Yogesh, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev and other officials were present.

'Refund hospital bills of deceased COVID patients'

D.K. Shivakumar visits Suttur Mutt

Mysuru, June 17- KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar has urged the State Government to refund private hospital bills of deceased COVID patients instead of providing Rs. 1 lakh relief for BPL families.

D.K. Shivakumar spoke to press persons after visiting Suttur Mutt, located on the foot of Chamundi Hill, on Monday and said, "The Government has announced Rs. 1 lakh relief to each family under Below Poverty Line (BPL) which has lost an earning or adult member due to COVID-19, but this is a very meagre amount. Families of deceased patients have paid lakhs of rupees to private hospitals by lending their properties and gold. Instead, it should refund the private hospital bills of deceased COVID patients."

"This Government does not know how to govern the State. Although experts had warned of the onset of a second wave of COVID-19 in Karnataka, the State Administration did little to keep itself prepared. As a result, there has been a rapid surge in the number of deaths. Both during the first and the second wave, we have cooperated with the Government, but BJP does not know how to manage such situations," he said.

Calling Law graduates

Mysuru, June 17- The Social Welfare Department has invited online applications from Law Graduates belonging to SC community for admission to professional training classes.

Interested candidates can apply on ***www.sw.kar.nic.in***

For details, contact the office of Joint Director - 0821-2344661, H.D. Kote - 08228-255680, Mysuru - 0821- 2520910, Nanjangud - 08221-227876, T. Narasipur - 08227-260672, Hunsur - 0822-253719, K.R. Nagar - 08223-264049, Periyapatna - 08223-273128.

CIPET Diploma Courses

Mysuru, June 17- The city's CIPET (Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology) has invited applications from eligible candidates for lateral admission to second year of Diploma in Plastics Technology (DPT) and Diploma in Plastic Mould Technology-(DPMT) for the year 2021-22. Students who have passed ITI (Fitter/ Turner/Machinist/ Draftsman) are eligible to apply.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2510618 or Mob: 94802-53024 or Mob: 91410-75968.

Solar Rooftop Installation

Mysuru, June 17- Under the Central Government's 'Solar Power House' scheme, CESC will be installing roof top Solar Panels in residential houses, apartments, group houses etc., on Net Metering basis at subsided/ concessional rates.

Domestic power consumers can apply online for the facility. The facility will be provided based on first come first served basis and depending upon technical feasibility, according to a press release. Interested can register online: ***https://solarrooftop.gov.in***

Contact Ph: 0821-2544963.

Vaccination for specially abled persons to conclude on June 19

1,786 persons including caretakers vaccinated

A physically challenged person being administered COVID vaccine at the Government School for the Deaf and Dumb at Tilaknagar in city yesterday as District Disabled Welfare Officer R. Malini and others look on.

Mysuru, June 17 (RKB&KS)- The special drive to vaccinate physically challenged, specially abled persons and their caretakers, organised by the District Disabled Welfare Department is going on at the Government School for Deaf and Dumb on Sayyaji Rao Road in Tilaknagar here.

The free vaccination drive began from May 24 and till yesterday (June 16), a total of 1,786 physically challenged, specially abled persons and their caretakers have been vaccinated.

A Mobile Medical Unit, led by retired District Health Officer Dr. M. Parashivamurthy and comprising one Staff Nurse, one Auxiliary Nursing and Midwifery (ANM) Nurse, one Pharmacist and one Lab Technician are conducting the drive.

District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre Nodal Officer Arjun Rachaiah, speaking to Star of Mysore this morning, said that there were over 4,000 physically challenged and specially abled persons in city out of which 1,786 persons have been vaccinated till yesterday.

Yesterday (June 16), 120 persons and one caretaker each were vaccinated.

The special vaccination drive will conclude on June 19.

Grocery kits donated by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram was given to those who were vaccinated.

Meanwhile, Mysuru District Disabled Welfare Officer R. Malini said that there were 4,186 physically challenged and specially abled persons including 1,363 persons below 18 years in city.

She further said that there were 1,853 persons in the age group of 18 to 44 years, out of which 977 persons have received the first dose and out of 970 persons in the age group of 44 and above, 689 persons have received the first jab.

Wild animals' meat seized

Hunsur, June 17 (Raghu&KS)- The Special Strike Force (SSF) and Forest Department personnel, who raided a house at Lakshmipura village, Anechowkur Division of Hunsur Wildlife Zone yesterday, have seized the meat of wild animals at the house.

Acting on a tip off, the SSF and Forest Department personnel raided the house of one Mohan at Lakshmipura and seized the meat weighing more than 6 kgs, knife, deer antlers and a weighing machine from the house.

The Forest Department officials, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the accused, who are absconding.

Lockdown violations

939 vehicles seized in 4 days

Mysuru, June 17 (KS)- Continuing their efforts to strictly implement the COVID lockdown guidelines to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, the Mysuru City Police (both Traffic and Civil) have seized a total of 939 vehicles in the past four days (June 13 to 16) for violating the guidelines in city.

On June 13, a total of 208 vehicles including 164 two-wheelers, 36 cars and eight auto-rickshaws were seized.

On June 14, 174 two-wheelers, 31 cars and six auto-rickshaws were seized followed by 284 two-wheelers, 32 cars and eight auto-rickshaws on June 15.

On June 16, a total of 196 vehicles including 166 two-wheelers, 28 cars and two auto-rickshaws were seized for violating the lockdown guidelines.

Call 112 for emergency response

8,561 complaints attended since Dec. 14, 2020

Meanwhile, a press release from the PRO, City Police Commissioner's Office, has stated that a total of 8,561 complaints received since Dec. 14, 2020 by the public, through Namma-112 Helpline number, have been attended by the Police by reaching the spot within 10 minutes of receiving of the complaints.

The release further states that the number 100 would be discontinued in a few days and henceforth, the public need not dial different telephone numbers to avail any emergency services as the Government of India has launched Emergency Response Support System (ERSS), a Pan-India single number (112) based emergency response system for citizens in emergencies.

City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta has requested the citizens to avail this service during any emergency or crisis.

Former Cricketer Vijayakrishna passes away in Bengaluru

Vijayakrishna

Bengaluru, June 17- Cricketer Bharamiah Vijayakrishna (B. Vijayakrishna), a former Ranji Trophy player, passed away at a private hospital in Bengaluru in the wee hours of today. He was 71.

A left hand batsman and slow left arm orthodox bowler, Vijayakrishna had played 80 first class matches and had scored over 2,000 runs besides taking 194 wickets. He had taken three wickets in his Ranji debut against Hyderabad in 1968-69 and six wickets against Madras in the next match.

Last rites were performed at Hebbal Crematorium in Bengaluru today.

Obituary

Dr. B.P. Lalithamma

Mysuru, June 17- Dr. B.P. Lalithamma (86), retired Microbiology Professor, Mysore Medical College and Research Institute and a resident of Vijayanagar, passed away yesterday evening in city.

A spinster, she leaves behind her brothers, sisters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage.

M.K. Srikantamurthy

Nanjangud: M.K. Srikantamurthy (59), a resident of Housing Board Colony in the town, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Hadinaaru Kaalu Mantapa, near the Banks of River Kapila.

Mysuru youths create AVIARY at Cauvery Nisargadhama in Kushalnagar

Kushalnagar, June 17 (Akshay&BCT)- A group of bird trainers in Mysuru have created a walk-in exotic aviary at Cauvery Nisargadhama in Kushalnagar, Kodagu. The aviary was inaugurated by Kodagu District Minister V. Somanna last week and will be open for visitors in a month or so after the phased unlock begins.

It is a Forest Department initiative as the Nisargadhama is maintained by them and the youths were invited from Mysuru to set up the unique aviary where visitors can walk-in, feed and admire the winged beauties. A separate entity has been set up inside the vast campus where visitors enter the aviary through a cave-like structure.

Nisargadhama is a breath-taking and beautiful island off the State Highway, two kilometres from Kushalnagar town. It is 28 kms from Madikeri and 95 kms from Mysuru. The 64-acre island, surrounded by the Cauvery River, can be accessed by walking across a hanging bridge. The aviary joins the list of a host of attractions there including deer park, children's park and orchidarium. Elephant rides, boating and tree top bamboo cottages are some of the other attractions.

In all, over 2,000 sq.ft area has been earmarked for the aviary and metal structures have been erected so that birds and visitors do not criss-cross each other inside the aviary. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 1 crore and Rs. 50 lakh has already been spent. The remaining works will be completed with the rest of the money.

CAPTIVE-BRED BIRDS

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, **Praveen**, a civil engineer who has set up the aviary, said that the birds will be of exotic species and are of captive breed. He is from Mysuru and has a bird training centre at Vivekananda Circle. Some of the exotic species that will find place in the aviary are Budgies, African Lovebird, Cockatiel, Conure varieties, Grey Parrot, African Grey Macaw, Pheasant, Turkey, Geese and Duck.

As an added attraction, a Koi fish pond and fish spa, housing Gurra rufa (doctor fish) will also be created, Praveen said. "The aviary has been designed in such a way that it does not look clumsy and each cage is 30 feet in length and breadth. We have one 30x100 cage and two 30x30 cages. Each cage will have a maximum of 200 birds so that they can move freely and have their own territories. The Conure varieties with green, yellow and sun colours are very attractive and bound to impress the visitors," he added.

A TRAINED LOT

Praveen captive-breeds these birds and also procures them from outside. "Housing birds in small cages is not a healthy practice and through this aviary, I want to send out this message. Since these are trained birds, even if you let them fly freely, they will come back to you. Typically, it takes up to two years to train these birds," he explained.

He has a four-member team that takes care of training and feeding the birds. "Birds have to be fed with sprouts, nuts, vegetables, greens, flowers, egg-food and pro-biotic. Their cages are disinfected once in three days and we put birds that are brought from outside under 45-day quarantine to eliminate the risk of infection. A close bond will develop with the birds from the quarantine period," he added.

At Nisargadhama, next to the aviary, a strong room has been built to protect the birds from cold, reptiles and rain. "After the daily display at the aviary, these birds are trained to come back to the strong room in the evening where places and resting bars have been created to house all of them. These birds are highly affectionate and are attached to humans. They prefer the company of humans instead of being with their own species," Praveen claimed.

Kodagu DC Charulata Somal holding a bird.

MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service	
06518	Mangaluru	KSR Bengaluru	05.50	08.40	Fri, Sun & Tue	Fully reserved
07326	Mysuru	Belagavi	05.50	08.40	Daily	Unreserved
06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	Daily	Unreserved
06570	Mysuru	Bengaluru	07.00	09.30	Daily	Unreserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	Daily	Unreserved
06568	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.40	17.10	Daily	Unreserved
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.30	00.15	Daily	Unreserved
08118	Mysuru	Howrah	23.45	02.05	Sunday	Fully reserved

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DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service	
08117	Howrah	Mysuru	00.30	03.15	Sunday	Fully reserved
06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.45	04.30	Daily	Unreserved
06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	Daily	Unreserved
06567	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.35	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
07325	Belagavi	Mysuru	17.45	20.40	Daily	Partially unreserved
06569	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.05	Daily	Unreserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	Daily	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	05.00	09.25	Daily	Unreserved
06214	Mysuru	Arsikere	18.20	22.25	Daily	Unreserved
01036	Mysuru	Dadar	06.15	05.30 (next day)	Sunday	Fully Reserved
01035	Dadar	Mysuru	21.30	21.40 (next day)	Thursday	Fully Reserved
06225	Mysuru	Arsikere	10.15	13.20	Daily	Unreserved
06226	Arsikere	Mysuru	13.25	16.50	Daily	Unreserved
07301	Mysuru	Dharwad	22.30	08.05	Daily	Fully Reserved
07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully Reserved

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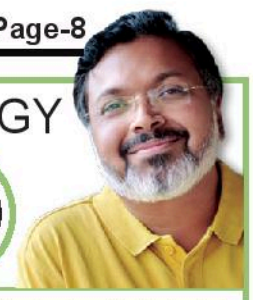
DECODING MYTHOLOGY



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Unspoken language of village Gods

If you want to understand the village Gods of India, you must understand what defines a living creature. The fundamental difference between a living creature and a non-living creature is that a living creature seeks food. Plants seek food, animals seek food, humans seek food. In other words, all living creatures are looking for opportunities. However, all living creatures also have threats because there are those who consider them food. Animals feed on plants, animals feed on animals. Therefore, every plant and animal is afraid that it will be consumed by someone else. So, they also seek protection.

Considering these two factors, when humans look for help from the divine, they primarily are seeking two things: food and security. Therefore, most Gods in India will have a hand, pointing upward, with its palm facing forward and a hand, pointing downward, again with its palm facing forward. The palm, pointing down, represents *Varadamudra*, which means 'I will provide food', it is commonly seen in Goddesses, such as Lakshmi and the palm, pointing upward, represents Abhayamudra, which means 'don't be afraid'. Basically, we are talking about a God who protects and provides. We seek the provision of food, clothing, shelter, intelligence, wisdom along with protection and security.

This manifests in village Gods. All village Gods can be classified into two groups: fertility Gods who provide children and food and guardian Gods who protect the village. They will be either male or female. The female deity represents fertility and she will be shown with a pot in her hand. The pot represents a womb, overflowing with grain, gold, food and water. It is called the *Purna Kumbha:* the pot of prosperity.

In many places, the Goddess is spread-eagled, exposing her female genitalia from which all life comes from. We find such images, even in the Harappan civilisation, indicating their primeval nature. The male figures usually appear as warriors, shown with swords in their hands, holding also the heads of slain enemies, sometimes riding horses, accompanied by wild hunting dogs. They are the guardians of the village. Sometimes, the Goddess is also the protector and is shown with the trident or a sword in her hand. The guardian God can also be a fertility God, indicated by an exaggerated penis.

Across India, we find these two kinds of images, guardian deities and fertility Gods. Sometimes, they are aniconic, that is, they are just pieces of stone kept on the outskirts of the village. Sometimes, they are elaborate, carved stones of the Gods, called hero stones. Hero stones commemorate people who died defending the village or cattle. These memories form beliefs that the ghosts of these powerful beings protect the village. Likewise, women who die young or at childbirth are transformed into Goddesses and their spirits are believed to protect the village from disease and epidemics.

Every village in India has a *gramdeva* or a *gramdevi* or both or a fusion of the two images. They are worshipped, especially when people get married. These are a local manifestation of the cosmic divine, as per Hinduism.

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'Find out mistakes of Govt; place it before public through media conference'

Mysuru, June 17 (RKB&SSV)- KPCC Mysuru Division Media in-Charge Raju has urged his party leaders to find out mistakes in the State Government and bring it before people by holding media conferences and protests.

Addressing a special meeting at District Congress Bhavan in city on Monday, after being appointed as Media in-Charge of KPCC Mysuru Division, he said that KPCC has already explained about the work and responsibilities of the division.

A Media Spokesperson will be appointed for every Block and each Assembly Constituency. Holding press conference was not sufficient but they need to understand to how many people their message will reach.

In view of this, those who have taken the responsibility of media must tell people about the contributions and welfare schemes of the previous Congress Government and failures of the current dispensation.

Raju said that the KPCC has instructed to make the party's Media Division, which was hitherto limited to Congress Office, effective and called upon Media Spokespersons to work honestly in this direction. The Party will appoint one who has the knowledge of current issues as Media Spokesperson in each Block. Such person must convene press conference or protest once in a week. Through this, they must attract more people towards the party.

The Media Division has a major role to play in view of coming elections to Zilla and Taluk Panchayats, and the Assembly Polls in another 20 months.

Everyone must get the opportunity to address press conferences and it must not be held for each and every issue. At any cost, they must not make baseless allegations. And before uploading any accusation in social media, it must be brought to the notice of Party President and facts should be verified, he added.

He said the KPCC Media Division has kept an eye on the activities of Mysuru Party Unit and will be brought to the notice of the KPCC. So, persons concerned must discharge their duties with utmost responsibility.

District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, Party Spokespersons H.A. Venkatesh and M. Lakshman, Dist. Rural Vice-President Yadatale Manjunath, General Secretary Shivaprasad, KPCC Women's Wing Mysuru City President Pushpalatha Chikkanna, former Mayor Chikkanna, City Seva Dal Unit President Girish and City Party Spokesperson Mahesh were present.

Oxygen Plant to come up at T. Narasipur Hospital: DC

T. Narasipur, June 17 (SK& DM)- Mysuru Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that an Oxygen Plant will come up soon at T. Narasipur General Hospital.

Speaking to press persons after visiting the Hospital on Tuesday, Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that the Government has sanctioned the Oxygen Plant to ensure that there is no shortage of the vital gas in the taluk and surrounding areas.

Noting that he has received inputs on the preparations in progress for the Oxygen Plant, he said that he has asked the taluk health authorities to give in writing on what is needed for infrastructure improvement.

Pointing out that he has also directed for ramping up of COVID tests in the taluk, he said that this was necessary to contain the spread of the virus and also bring down positivity and fatality rates.

MLA M. Ashwin Kumar said that the new DC has taken measures for releasing Legislator funds. Maintaining that the taluk authorities have been striving for bringing the deadly pandemic under control, he said that concerted efforts has resulted in the significant decline in positivity rate.

Zilla Panchayat (ZP) CEO A.M. Yogesh, Tahsildar D. Nagesh, Assistant Commissioner Venkataraju, Probationary AC Apeksha, Taluk Panchayat (TP) EO Jerald Rajesh, Taluk Health Officer (THO) Dr. Ravikumar, Hospital Administrative Officer Dr. Jagannath, Dr. Dayanada Babu, CPI Krishnappa, TP Member K. Kiran, leaders Chowhalli Siddaraju and Ramesh were present.

Good News: Footfall into 'COVID Mitra' Centres declines

Mysuru, June 17 (MK&SSV)- The footfall into 'COVID Mitra' Triage and Counselling Centres is decreasing, thanks to steady decline in Corona positive cases across the district.

Set up by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), these centres have treated 6,287 persons till date. The MCC looks after the COVID Mitra Centres opened in Seth Mohandas Tulsidas (SMT) Hospital in Krishnaraja Constituency, Beedi Workers Hospital in Narasimharaja Constituency, Panchakarma Ayurveda Hospital in Chamaraja Constituency and Vishwa Prajna School in Chamundeshwari Constituency.

The COVID Mitra Centre in Urban and Rural Planning Department building close to Ring Road in Vijayanagar 4th Stage was jointly managed by MCC, MUDA and Bogadi, Hootagalli, Hinkal and Koorgalli Gram Panchayats.

The persons visiting COVID Mitra Centres for treatment and counselling have decreased. Initially, 100-120 persons were visiting daily but since last one week the number has declined to hardly 30-35 daily. There has been more visitors only to COVID Mitra Centres attached to hospitals. In last 24 hours, 41 persons have visited COVID Mitra at SMT Hospital, 17 persons visited Beedi Workers Hospital and eight have visited Panchakarma Hospital.

Likewise, so far, 220 persons have visited COVID Mitra Centre at Urban and Rural Planning Department building in Vijayanagar 4th Stage since May 29, Mohankumar, Nodal Officer and Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Environment Department, MCC, told *SOM*.

No shortage of medicines

He said there has been no shortage of medicine in any COVID Mitra Centres since from the beginning as donors have donated sufficiently.

Still there are 5,000 medical kits given to home isolation patients. There has been good response of patients recovered in COVID Mitra Centres and many of them have shared this in social media. Patients scrambling for oxygenated beds have stopped as COVID Mitra Centres have been equipped with oxygen concentrators and oxygen cylinders. Treatment was available for the needy patients and they were allotted bed in hospitals. Incidents of Corona positive patients dying due to non-availability of beds have stopped, he noted.

Arun Pandit, Nodal Officer of Vijayanagar COVID Mitra Centre said that a number of voluntary organisations like Rotary, CREDAI, BAI, Rotaract, Youth For Seva and Maitri Jain Milan have extended their full co-operation by distributing masks, sanitisers, oxygen concentrators and other medical equipment to COVID Mitra Centres.

MCC's Telecare Centre receives 3,200 calls

As many as 3,200 calls were received at Telecare Centre started by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) at Ideal Jawa Rotary School, JLB Road, till June 15. Fifty persons including doctors and volunteers are working in three shifts daily to provide medical advice to Corona positive patients. Besides, 24 doctors from abroad were also counselling patients online.

WORD OF THE DAY

Enjoin

Pronunciation: in-JOIN.
Meaning: To direct or impose by authoritative order or with urgent admonition; forbid, prohibit; to prohibit by a judicial order : put an injunction on.
Origin: Enjoin has the Latin verb jungere, meaning "to join," at its root, but the kind of joining expressed by enjoin is quite particular: it is about linking someone to an action or activity by either requiring or prohibiting it. When it's the former at hand — that is, when enjoin is used to mean "to direct or impose by authoritative order or with urgent admonition" — the preposition to is typically employed, as in "they enjoined us to secrecy." When prohibition is involved, from is common, as in "signs enjoin attendees from photographing the event." In legal contexts, enjoining involves prohibition by judicial order, through means of an injunction, as in "the judge enjoined them from selling the contract."
Example: "And yet, to satisfy this good old man, / I would bend under any heavy weight/ That he'll enjoin me to." — William Shakespeare, Much Ado About Nothing, 1598-99.

THE ODD WORD

Eboulement

Falling in of wall of a fort; landslide.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

As easy as pie

Meaning: Very easy.
Origin: There are many similes in English that have the form 'as X as Y'. These almost always highlight some property - X, and give an example of something that is well known to display that property - Y; for example, 'as white as snow', 'as dead as a dodo' and, risking a group slander action from our noble friends, 'as drunk as a lord'. How though are pies thought to be easy? They aren't especially easy to make; I know, I've tried it. The easiness comes with the eating - at least, that was the view in 19th century America, where this phrase was coined. There are various mid 19th century US citations that, whilst not using 'as easy as pie' verbatim, do point to 'pie' being used to denote pleasantry and ease. 'Pie' in this sense is archetypically American, as American as apple pie in fact. The usage first comes in the phrase 'as nice as pie', as found here in Which: Right or Left? in 1855: "For nearly a week afterwards, the domestics observed significantly to each other, that Miss Isabella was as 'nice as pie!'" "You're always as polite as pie to them."

QUOTE BOX

A lion doesn't concern himself with the opinions of the sheep.

—Lionel Messi

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

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Answer: Down tools.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Broad belt worn round the waist by ladies
5 Tune
8 Strike with a knife
12 Expectation
13 BJP and their allies?
14 Local headgear?
15 Variegated gemstone
16 One short of a cricket team
17 Dash or zest
18 Pol. Act. Comm.
19 Discourages, distracts or diverts
21 Unfriendly
23 Inquire of
24 Science of speech production
28 Weeding implement
31 Deity with man's body and goat's legs
32 Chinese frying pan
33 Seats in church
34 Windows predecessor
35 Medieval singers or musicians
37 Indian dish
38 Ex-British P.M. Heath
39 Writers of articles or theses, should we say
44 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
47 At the drop of _ __ (1,3)
48 African antelope
49 Observed
50 Playback singer ___ Nigam
51 Honourable, in short
52 ____ to be : was?
53 Be abundant
54 TV listing abbreviation
55 Sight

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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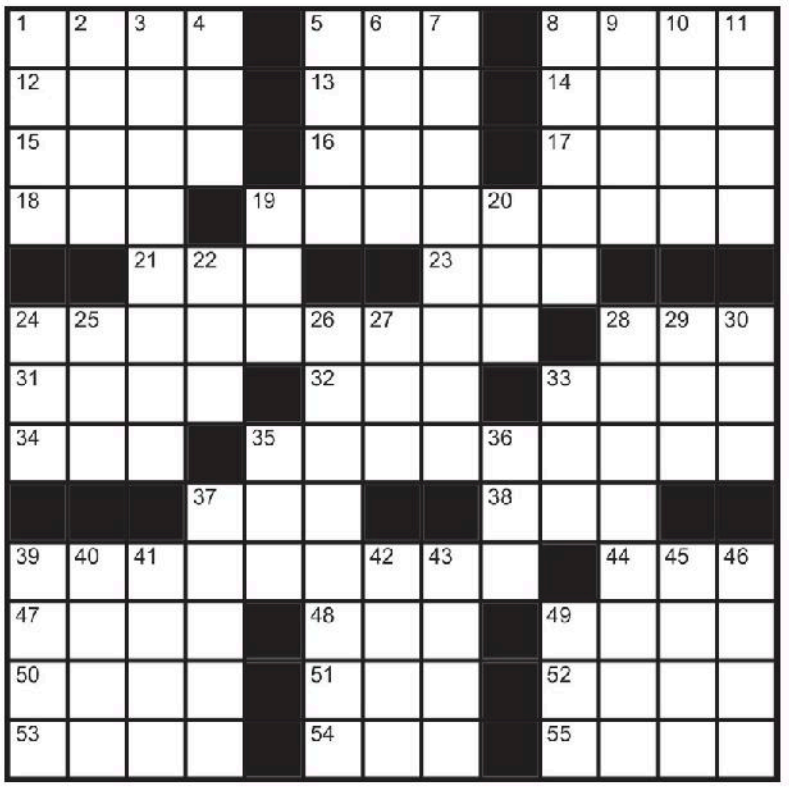
DOWN

1 Store
2 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
3 Roomy
4 Norse goddess
5 Against
6 Ancient Roman days
7 Pillages or loots
8 Cut of meat
9 ___ off : reprimanded or scolded?
10 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
11 Storage containers
19 Colouring agent
20 United State Steamship, abbr.
22 International news giants
24 Primary Flight Display
25 Monetary unit of Vietnam
26 Duskiness
27 Charged atom
28 Taking no notice
29 Wise old bird?
30 The letter "S"
33 Before as a prefix
35 Might
36 Time To Stn.
37 It's a fact
39 Near ___ : region comprising of countries near the Mediterranean?
40 Outer foot-covering of leather, etc.?
41 Sensible and rational
42 Elitist
43 Canned fish
45 Leak through
46 Adventurer Jones, to friends
49 Take to court



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Answer to previous puzzle

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5	9	3	1	8	2	6	7	4
7	8	2	6	4	9	3	5	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HS RSP M'X BT BHGUMNH; HS ESC, M'X

HGU JSRBJ SVVSNMHMST - KSSCR BJJUT

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Arithmetic is being able to count up to twenty without taking off your shoes.

Grocery kits distributed to tribal hamlets at Nagarahole National Park

Mysuru, June 17 (KS) - GlobalKulture distributed over 300 grocery kits to tribal hamlets in and around Nagarahole National Park recently.

The kits were distributed among the Kolavige, Kappana and Katte tribal hamlets by the volunteers, who also distributed face masks to the tribals to safeguard themselves from contracting the virus. In a bid to expand this outreach effort, GlobalKulture has joined hands with Baalya Trust, IBAT, Vidya Poshak and Karnataka Press Club Council to coordinate this effort with support and sponsorship to this initiative by Visteon.

The organisation has thanked Mysuru Police for providing necessary permission and support in their endeavour.

NGO donates Oxygen Concentrators to Forest Departments

Mysuru, June 17 (KS) - Earth Brigade Foundation, a Mumbai-based NGO, has donated Oxygen Concentrators to various Forest Departments across the country.

The Foundation decided to take the initiative and has redirected help to the frontline wildlife protection warriors of the Forest Departments and also to the poor people in and around the forests to have the basic emergency life saver.

Earth Brigade Foundation has provided 25 Oxygen Concentrators along with disposable nasal cannula to be used in case of an emergency until help reaches the patient or till the patient reaches the nearest healthcare centre or use it for days after the initial recovery until the weaning off is successful.

While seven equipment were donated to Nagarahole, two machines were given ton Bandipur, two to Biligiri Ranganatha Temple Wildlife Sanctuary and two machines were donated to Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary.

The NGO also donated six equipment at Uttarakhand, four machines to Rajasthan, three to Uttar Pradesh, two machines to Tamil Nadu, two to Madhya Pradesh and one machine to West Bengal Forest Departments.

DSS Nirmala Provincial House Pethra Nikethan Convent on Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla distributed grocery kits to the poor families at Ganesh Nagar here recently. Sr. Vincent, Sr. Anitha, Sr. Roja, NR Assembly Segment Yuva Morcha ex-President Nanigowda and others were present.

TENNIS TALK

By V.N. Prasad

Congratulations

to Krejcikova & Djokovic

on lifting French Open 2021 trophies

Barbora Krejcikova

Novak Djokovic

In a rare feat, unseeded 25-year-old Barbora Krejcikova of Czec Republic not only lifted the coveted Singles Trophy but also shared the Doubles Title this year — with Katerina Siniakova. Her coach Jana Navotna would have been proud of her fellow Czec's achievement. But, Jana succumbed to cancer in 2017.

It was redeeming to witness Pavlyuchenkova, Krejcikova, Sakkari and Zidansek; all first timers; in the final four in Paris. That was only the second time when all the four semifinalists at a Grand Slam were the first timers. The 18th ranked Sakkari was the highest-ranked in the four. A very tenacious competitor knocked off defending champion Iga Swiatek of Poland in the QF. In hard fought semifinals, she lost to Pavlyuchenkova.

Finals between Pavlyuchenkova and Krejcikova was tense. Uncertainties hung on both as they went into the third set. In only the last 30 minutes of the final set did the champion overpower her opponent tactfully to lift the trophy; 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. Thank you girls, for the great entertainment you all provided over the fortnight.

Men's section was full of theatrics. Alex Zverev providing max entertainment with his arguments with the Chair; but all in vain. Alex and Tsitsipas are surely the future of world tennis. Whereas young blood looks thirsty and competent in lifting the trophy, their inability to sustain resilience beyond the 3rd set looks apparent. Semi Finals between Novak and Rafa was hard fought and the Serb carried the fatigue into the finals — and that really was tough.

At the end, it was sheer concentration and unflinching determination of the 34-year-old Novak that enabled him to lift the trophy beating the young

Novak looks all set to lift the 'Golden Grand Slam'

Greek Stefenos Tsitsipas, 22 years of age, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

Novak became the only man in the history of Grand Slams to have lifted each trophy twice. Now the world keenly looks at Wimbledon and Flushing Meadows and wishes the highly crafty Serb to make it a "Golden Grand Slam". All the best to the master. GGS is where an individual wins all the Grand Slams in a year.

"Golden Grand Slam" history reads thus. 'Don Budge of USA in 1938'. 'Maureen Connolly of USA in 1953'. Rod Laver of Australia in 1962 and 1969 (twice)', 'Margret Smith Court of Australia in 1970' and 'Steffi Graff of Germany in 1988'.

It was very thoughtful for the Serb to present his racquet to the young lad in the stands — a great gesture indeed. It is very rare that sounds from the stands are audible when a player is concentrating on his games. It was heartening to learn of the youngster's support. His thrill on receiving the racquet was visible.

The world pitied the young Tsitisipas. His grandmother had expired just 5 minutes before the finals. That apart, most certainly he looked audacious in the first two sets; 7-6 and 6-2. It was all power against calm of the Champion. The Serb drained the Greek in the two and gained 'Vice-Like-Grip' in the following three sets. Novak was graceful in appreciating the Greek on his talent and also on seeing a Champion in him in the times to follow.

All in all, it was a great Grand Slam. All the Champions look at the next one at Wimbledon – in a fortnight's time. The world wishes them the best. And we keenly look forward to the event — both from the men and the women.

SWR Mysuru to run additional unreserved MEMU trains

Mysuru, June 17- With easing of lockdown restrictions in several districts of the State, South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has decided to run additional unreserved MEMU trains and has also restored several train services over the division. The trains will run with the schedule and stoppages of pre-COVID running of trains as detailed below: Rail passengers are appealed to strictly follow all norms of State and Central Governments regarding COVID-19 in trains and at Railway Stations. Other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured. *[Turn to page 8 for revised train timings]*

Sl. No.	Train No	From	To	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
01	06567 Rajyarani Express	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	10.35	13.20	Daily	MEMU Express
02	06568 Rajyarani Express	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	14.40	17.10	Daily	MEMU Express
03	06569 Chamundi Express	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.25	21.05	Daily	MEMU Express
04	06570 Chamundi Express	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	07.00	09.30	Daily	MEMU Express
05	06559	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	00.45	04.30	Daily	MEMU Express
06	06560	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	21.30	00.15	Daily	MEMU Express
07	06201 Tippu Express	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 18.06.2021
08	06202 Tippu Express	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 19.06.2021
09	06529 Intercity	KSR Bengaluru	Talguppa	15.00	22.10	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 18.06.2021
10	06530 Intercity	Talguppa	KSR Bengaluru	05.15	12.10	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 19.06.2021
11	02725 Intercity	KSR Bengaluru	Dharwad	13.00	22.15	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 18.06.2021
12	02726 Intercity	Dharwad	KSR Bengaluru	05.15	14.05	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 19.06.2021
13	02089 Jan Shatabdi	KSR Bengaluru	Shivamogga Town	17.15	21.55	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 18.06.2021
14	02090 Jan Shatabdi	Shivamogga Town	KSR Bengaluru	05.15	09.50	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 19.06.2021
15	06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	16.45	11.20	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 16.06.2021
16	06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	09.20	Daily	Restoration w.e.f. 17.06.2021
17	07307 Basava Express	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	11.10	-	Restoration w.e.f. 20.06.2021
18	07308 Basava Express	Bagalkot	Mysuru	14.30	13.50		Restoration w.e.f 21.06.2021

No illegality in my tenure: MUDA Chairman

(Continued from page 1)

Accordingly, compensation was paid from 2003 till 2012. "Due to confusion in certain land records and wrong surveys without examining the actual root records, compensation has been paid to some non-existent lands extending up to 7 acres. Steps will be taken to take back the awarded compensation and legal action will be taken," MUDA Chairman Rajeev said.

On 500 resolutions: Regarding other allegation made by Rohini Sindhuri that more than 500 resolutions were passed under Rajeev and these need to be probed, the MUDA Chairman said that none of the subjects were passed as resolutions without placing before the MUDA Board. "I have not taken any unilateral decision. Each subject has been discussed in detail and passed in a transparent manner without any room for doubt and without any shady dealings. We have not violated any law," he said.

"Basically land survey is the job of Revenue Department and we have taken up the survey as MUDA has acquired land at Kergalli for R.T. Nagar Layout. Regarding land conversion too, there is no question of manipulating the records and we state the facts whether it is commercial, agricultural or residential. There is no illegality here," Rajeev clarified.

Land conversion: On the former DC's rescinding of the order that allowed conversion of 1.39 acres of agricultural land for commercial purposes in Survey Number 124/2 at Lingambudhi village, Rajeev said that the DC's order will be implemented and the resolution will be cleared in the next meeting. "The order to convert the land was made by the then DC on 28.11.2016 and I have no role to play here," he clarified.

S.R. Mahesh and myself are just friends: On the reports that K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh is his (Rajeev's) business partner, the MUDA Chairman said, "I and Mahesh are just friends and not business partners. I have been in the business since the last 10 years and I have paid taxes to conduct a transparent business."

BJP Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh feted

D. Devaraj Urs Backward Classes Development Corporation Chairman R. Raghu Kautilya (left) and Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy seen felicitating BJP Karnataka in-charge Arun Singh with a Mysuru Peta, shawl, garland and a rosewood memento of an elephant in Bengaluru this morning. Arun Singh is in Bengaluru since yesterday in connection with the party affairs of the State.

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